



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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## Picture Books

Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box

by Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein, illustrate by James E. Ransome

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James

Big Papa and the Time Machine by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

Grandma's Purse by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena, illustrated by Christian Robinson

Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles, Think of That by Leo and Diane Dillon

Hot Day on Abbott Avenue by Karen English, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe

Wind Flyers by Angela Johnson, illustrated by Loren Long

Please, Baby, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Double Bass Blues by Andrea Loney, illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez

Going Down Home with Daddy by Kelly Starling Lyon, illustrated by Daniel Minter

Hands Up by Breanna J. McDaniel, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

What is Given from the Heart by Patricia C. McKissack, illustrated by April Harrison

Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy by Tony Medina and 13 Artists

Don't Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller

Hey Black Child by Unseni Eugene Perkins, illustrated by Bryan Collier

Holes in the Sky by Patricia Polacco

The Old Truck by Jarrett Pumphrey and Jerome Pumphrey

The Bell Rang by James E. Ransome

Layla's Happiness by Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie, illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin

The Hat that Wore Clara B. by Melanie Turner-Denstaedt, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Octopus Stew by Eric Velasquez

In Your Hands by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Brian Pinkney



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## Middle Grade Fiction

Booked by Kwame Alexander

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

It All Comes Down to This by Karen English

Armstrong & Charlie by Steven Frank

Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes

Night on Fire by Ronald Kidd

The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine

Tight by Torrey Maldonado

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore

How High the Moon by Karyn Parsons

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson



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## Teen Fiction

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton

The Voting Booth by Brandy Colbert

Legendborn by Tracy Deonn

Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Every Body Looking by Candice Iloh

Dread Nation by Justina Ireland

All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir Manifesto by George M. Johnson

This is My America by Kim Johnson

You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson

Let's Talk About Love by Claire Kann

A Song Below Water by Bethany C. Morrow

Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro

Girls Like Us by Randi Pink

Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds

The Rose that Grew from Concrete by Tupac Amaru Shakur

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

All the Days Past, All the Days to Come by Mildred D. Taylor

Watch Us Rise by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan

Black Enough: Stories on Being Young & Black in America  
edited by Ibi Zoboi



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## Biographies Booklist

Muhammed Ali: A Champion is Born

by Gene Baretta, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM by Tonya Bolden

Pathfinders: The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls by Tonya Bolden

Feed Your Mind: A Story of August Wilson by Jennifer Bryant

The Power of her Pen: the Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by John Parra

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice

by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Rise: from the Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou

by Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Tonya Engel

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read

by Rita Lorraine Hubbard, illustrated by Oge Mora

Jackie Robinson by Wil Mara

Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammed

Frederick Douglass: the Lion Who Wrote History by Walter Dean Myers

Political Profiles: John Lewis by Kerrily Sapet

Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation into Space by Margot Lee Shetterly

Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen?

by Sherri L. Smith, illustrated by Jake Murray

On the Court with Kobe Bryant by Glenn Stout

Schomburg: The Man Who Build a Library

by Carole Boston Weatherford

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement

by Carole Boston Weatherford

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson